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SUBJECT: QADHAFI THREATS RE: GIBRALTAR AND SPANISH SAHARA

1. ACCORDING TO RESPONSIBLE MFA OFFICIAL, WHEN NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA, ROBLES PIQUER, RECENTLY PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO QADHAFI, LATTER OFFERED LARG HELP TO GOS IN USE OF FORCE TO RECOVER GIBRALTAR. HE ADDED THAT LARG ALSO PREPARED USE FORCE TO HELP GET SPAIN OUT OF SAHARA.

2. MFA OFFICIAL, CITED EPISODE AS REFLECTING GOS POLICY OF REMAINING CALM IN FACE OF EFFRONTERY. HE ADDED THAT REPORT OF QADHAFI'S THREAT ON SAHARA SUBSEQUENTLY CARRIED ON TV AND RADIO IN BOTH EGYPT AND LIBYA. ATTENDANT EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THESE COUNTRIES STRESSED BOLDNESS OF LIBYAN LEADER IN TAKING FORTHRIGHT STAND FACE TO FACE WITH SPANISH AMBASSADOR. RIVERO

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